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Blakesley *et al.*

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For: **Methods and Compositions for  
Rapid Protein and Peptide  
Extraction and Isolation Using a  
Lysis Matrix**

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**Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement**

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Sir:

Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. The numbering on this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is a continuation of the numbering in Applicants' First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed January 14, 2002, in connection with the above-captioned application. A copy of each document is also provided.

The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/012,443, filed December 12, 2001, which is cited as published U.S. Application No. 2002/0090635 A1 (document **AH2**); and co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/478,456 (document **AT2**). The identification of these U.S. Patent Applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to these applications now or upon issuance of the above captioned application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during examination.

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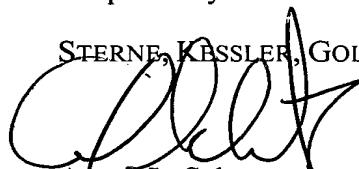
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**OTHER (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)**

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